

# NEWS UPDATE

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**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
(901) 515-2525**



**September 3, 2008      Morning Update**

## **What's New Since the Last Update?**

- Two new shelters opened last night to help meet the needs of evacuees. The centers are: Lester Community Center at 317 Tillman and Hollywood Community Center at 1560 North Hollywood.
- Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ at 369 G.E. Patterson Boulevard will be serving food today to evacuees from 11:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Food donations are also being accepted to help church shelters. Non-perishable items, canned goods and pre-packaged food should be taken to the donations warehouse at 994 South Bellevue or the Red Cross at 1400 Central Avenue.
- The Children's Museum of Memphis at 2525 Central Avenue has joined other Memphis area attractions to offer free admission to evacuees. Contact the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau at (901) 543-5375 for details.

## **Shelter Status:**

**More than 3000 evacuees are staying in 22 Memphis area shelters. Seven (7) shelters are for FEMA-assisted evacuees only who arrived in Memphis by Amtrak train. Fifteen (15) additional shelters are serving evacuees:**

- Lester Community Center-317 Tillman
- Hollywood Community Center-1560 North Hollywood
- Hope Presbyterian Church-8500 Walnut Grove Road
- White Station Church of Christ-1101 Colonial Road
- Bellevue Baptist Church-2000 Appling Road
- Goodman Oaks Baptist Church-1700 Goodman Road, Southaven, Mississippi
- Longview Heights Baptist Church-4501 Goodman Road, Olive Branch, Mississippi
- Southaven Multipurpose Arena-7360 Highway 51, Southaven, Mississippi
- World Overcomers Outreach Ministries Church-6655 Winchester Road at Kirby Parkway
- First Baptist Church of West Memphis, Arkansas-200 Missouri Street
- Memphis Catholic High School-61 North McLean

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- Bishop Byrne High School-1475 East Shelby Drive
- Cummings Street Baptist Church-250 East Raines Road
- G.W. Henderson Senior Center-1165 Abbey Street, Tunica, Mississippi
- Marion First Baptist Church-2137 Highway 77 Marion, Arkansas

**People may go to these locations or call the shelter status hotline at (901) 324-8799 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or the Emergency Operations Center at (901) 515-2525 after 5 p.m. to check on availability.**

**A Word About Shelters**

► **Should faith-based organizations want to open a shelter, the Emergency Operations Center should be contacted. The shelter will be listed along with the others in the daily updates to the community. Also, any facility opened as a shelter should be inspected to ensure it meets building and fire codes.**

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

- **Personal care items**-toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hairbrushes, combs, etc.
- **Baby supplies**-baby food, baby wipes, diapers
- **Packaged underwear for men and women**
- **Entertainment items for children**-crayons, coloring books, poster boards, etc.
- **Food**-canned or prepackaged items

Donations may be dropped off at a warehouse at 994 South Bellevue between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or at the Red Cross at 1400 Central Avenue during business hours.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are ***NEEDED*** to help during the relief effort to work at area shelters seeing the needs of evacuees and serving food. People are also needed to build travel kits for the FEMA-assisted evacuees to take when they leave Memphis. Call the volunteer hotline **(901) 324-8799** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for information.

**Pets:** Only “service dogs” are permitted in the shelter. The Memphis Humane Society-935 Farm Road and the Collierville Animal Shelter-603 East South Street are boarding pets for evacuees.

**Food:** Shelter food provided by Memphis City Schools and many area churches.

**Transportation:** Provided by Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) buses.

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**Area attractions:** Many tourist attractions are discounting rates or allowing free admission for evacuees. Contact the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau at **(901) 543-5375**.

**Crime victims:** Evacuees who are victims of crime may call the Shelby County Victims Assistance Center at **(90) 543-HELP (4357)** from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The center is located at 600 Adams Avenue.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness/EMA Operations Center is open 24 hours a day. For additional information, call **(901) 515-2525**.

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